

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:****Project Type:** Maintenance and Repairs

## Anchorage - Recreation Facilities Upgrades

**State Funding Requested: \$1,000,000****House District:** Anchorage Areawide (17-32)

Future Funding May Be Requested

**Brief Project Description:**

Recreation Center improvements will include life safety upgrades such as emergency and functional lighting, door alarms, ceiling tile repairs and replacements and communication and electrical wiring.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$15,000,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds					\$4,000,000	FY11-FY15
Local Funds					\$6,000,000	FY11-FY15
Other Funds					\$4,000,000	FY11-FY15
Total					\$14,000,000	

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Parks & Recreation operates two full recreation centers and three outdoor recreation centers, or "chalets". Recreation Center improvements will include life safety upgrades such as emergency and functional lighting, door alarms, ceiling tile repairs and replacements, communication and electrical wiring. Fairview Recreation Center needs functional design improvements as the facility once received an add-on and is outdated affecting the management, safety and usability of the facility. Redesign, including significant community involvement, needs to be completed to develop an action plan for future funding and facility improvements.

Spenard Recreation Center has always been slated for future expansion and design work, including community involvement, is required to assess and define the expansion plan at this time.

Selkregg Chalet: The building, while in relatively good shape, needs several functional upgrades such as windows and lighting, as well as an expansion to address storage.

Recreation facilities drew more than 694,000 customer visits in 2007, making them highly used, valuable and supported by the community. Both the Fairview and Spenard Community Councils have been heavily involved and invested in recreation center discussions and are eager to work with the MOA to fulfill center improvement objectives.

Fairview Recreation Center has only 24,600 square feet and is the gathering place for community events within the Fairview community. Spenard Recreation Center, by contrast, is 32,500 square feet.

Selkregg Chalet in Russian Jack Springs Park is the smallest recreation facility at approximately 2,400 square feet and is the one most often at capacity hosting daily recreation programs and rentals. The Chalet serves as regular meeting place for partner user groups such as Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage, and First Tee; serves as office space for the Northeast Park District headquarters; serves as a primary warming place for outdoor winter enthusiasts using the sled hill and ski trails; and realizes more than 60,000 visitors each year. The Russian Jack Community Council has been vocal and active in its support of this park and its amenities and consistently demands more services from the Park District. Kincaid Park hosts an amazing number of ski and running events for plain community fun to premier world class competitions, including World Games and Junior Olympic events. Kincaid Park serves as the headquarters of the Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage and is the focus of efforts of the Kincaid Project Group and receives phenomenal support and funding for facility enhancements.

Recreation centers and facilities are the hub of all recreation activities and parks services within the expansive Anchorage Parks & Recreation system. Facilities receive nearly 700,000 visitors each year, making them a vital and integral part of the success of the entire system. All of these existing facilities are more than 20 years old, have not received routine, normal upgrades/improvements, are now deficient in health and safety standards, as well as are deficient in meeting normal operating standards – all of which place them in need of immediate repair and improvement.

**Project Timeline:**

2011-15

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No